(d) whether there is any proposal to name Hubli Airport as Ganavidhushi Gangubai Hangal Airport as Hubli is the native place of renowned classical singer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) a sum of Rs. 11.13 crores has been sanctioned in March, 2005 for upgradation works including night landing facilities at Hubli Airport. Refuelling facilities are already in existence at the airport.

(b) Night landing facilities have already been provided at Hubli Airport.

(c) Yes, Sir. State Government of Karnataka has to hand over additional required land for the purpose.

(d) No such proposal for renaming of Hubli Airport is under consideration in this Ministry.

Bird menace around Hyderabad Airport

1593. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad is one of the most unsafe airport in the country because there are far to many kites and pigeons hovering in the flight path of aircraft;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are preparing to try out a solution to shoot away birds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of flights affected by kites and pigeons during the last two years in Begumpet Airport; and

(f) the loss incurred by Government from these during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Bird menace is due to presence of open drain and slums all around the airport.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has employed one bird shooter and three bird chasers for bird scaring activities. AAI has also contributed an amount of Rs. 68.75 lakhs for the establishment of modern Abattoir near Hyderabad.

(e) 35 bird hit incidents have been reported in the last two years.

(f) Air India and Indian Airlines have incurred a total loss of Rs. 04.15 crores (approximately).

Suspension of Modernisation Work of Delhi and Mumbai Airports

†1594. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work relating to modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai Airports has again been suspended;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work relating to modernisation is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Revision of charges at Non-Metro Airports

1595. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to decongest Metro Airports in the country, the Central Government propose to reduce various charges at non-metro airports, making them more attractive to domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money, the Airports Authority of India will have to forego due to reduction of charges;

(d) the manner in which the AAI will be compensated;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.